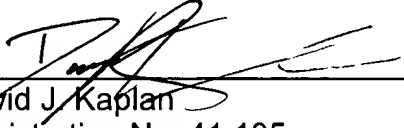


REMARKS

Claim 1 was submitted for examination. Applicants have voluntarily amended claim 1 to broaden the scope of the claim. In addition, Applicants have added new claims 2-23. Consideration and examination of the above-referenced patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

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